

In the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 5, line 3, paragraph [0027] of the specification has been amended as follows:

[0027] The full-length polypeptide of the present invention as set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 has a putative signal sequence which comprises amino acid 1 through amino acid 45 of SEQ ID NO:2 which aids in secretion of the polypeptide from the cell. The polypeptide is further processed wherein amino acid 46 through amino acid ~~244~~ 259 of SEQ ID NO: 2 are cleaved from the polypeptide since this stretch of amino acids is a putative precursor sequence. Further, amino acid ~~264~~ 310 through amino acid 344 represent a putative transmembrane portion which is thought to be necessary to direct the polypeptide to particular target locations for the carrying out of biological functions as herein after described. The transmembrane portion may also be cleaved from the polypeptide such that the putative soluble portion of the polypeptide of the present invention comprises amino acid ~~245~~ 260 through amino acid ~~264~~ 309 of SEQ ID NO:2.